



Ivanhoe City Council Meeting
Regular City Council meeting
City Council Chambers 401 N Harold St
Monday November 24, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

The regular City Council, City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota was called to order on November 24, 2025, at 5:30 pm by Mayor, Shad Lipinski

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council Members present were Brad Blanchette, Kyle Krier, Michelle Sullivan, Adam Panka

Also, present were City Administrator Dianne Beckendorf, Sarah Marczak, ILS Manager, Vicky Panka, Mike Panka, Panka Insurance

Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda. Adam Panka made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kyle Krier second, the motion which was carried out unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

November 10, 2025

Kyle Krier made a motion to approve November 10, 2025, minutes with the correction to “approve agenda to add Kyle Krier seconded the motion”. Brad Blanchette seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously.

Approval Invoices/Financials

Invoice payments: Batch 11.24.25, October 2025 Financials

100 GENERAL FUND	\$13,005.62
225 FIRE FUND	\$153.41
226 AMBULANCE FUND	\$321.01
241 REHAB REVOLVING FUND	\$0
245 LIBRARY FUND	\$105.80

601 WATER FUND	\$4,680.00
602 SEWER FUND	\$122.00
605 GARBAGE FUND	\$0
	\$18,387.84
610 LIQUOR	\$14,142.72
TOTAL CLAIMS 11.24.25	\$32,530.56

Brad Blanchette made a motion to approve November 24, 2025, invoices and October 2025 financials. Adam Panka seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously. Shad Lipinski abstained from voting.

Public Comments/Open Forum: None

Panka Insurance Agency 2026 Benefit presentation

Vicky Panka, and Mike Panka, of Panka Insurance Agency, presented to the council the 2025 Insurance benefits for the City of Ivanhoe. The rates are based on community base for all businesses and individual plans in Lincoln Co. The employer is required to pay 50% of the premium for the employee. The city can offer family insurance and pay 0% of the premium or not offer family/dependent coverage. The 2025 health insurance plan has a \$7,200 deductible increase to \$7,600 HSA Plan 624 in 2026, as well as a rate increase from \$7,158.57 to an estimate of \$8,839.59 for 2026. Mike stated that the current plan is the best plan for the city. If the council chooses to not offer family coverage, the current enrolled family/dependent can go to their current employer (dependent on the open enrollment at their employer) or they can go to the market to seek coverage beginning January 1, 2026.

The council has two options: Offer coverage for family and not contribute or not offer coverage for family /dependents.

Kyle Krier made a motion to offer family /dependent coverage with zero (\$0) contribution from the city for family /dependent coverage. Based on enrollment opportunities for the current families, the city will discontinue coverage all together effective 12/31/25. Brad Blanchette seconded the motion and unanimously carried. Adam Panka abstained.

Department Reports:

1. Ivanhoe Municipal Liquor Store- Sarah Marczak

- * October Sales – 50,219.88, monthly sales are down, lunches have been slower, weekend nights have been busy.
- * Events- Singing Qs in December
- * Building/Equipment- Sarah said the bar needs new bar stools, other equipment needs can wait at this time. Beer lines need replacing in 2026, and the quote is \$1,800.
- *THC sales are down, the current inventory will be sold, and Sarah is waiting to order more due to the change in requirements of packaging.
- *Sales this month are down, slower during the week, and busy on weekends.

2. City Administrator

1. Budget – work on finalizing- any questions/feedback- no questions or feedback came up during the discussion. The final budget approval will occur at the next council meeting.
3. Storm Sewer Bids- The council received the storm sewer bids and had more questions regarding the project. The council asked why it went out for bids, and they would like to know the final payment that MNDOT will be making for the repair. The city administrator had reached out to Jordan at Bolton & Menk and is waiting for answers on the project cost that will be the cities obligation, as well as checking with FEMA regarding a payment received in 2021. Once these questions are answered, the council will take action.
4. VFW Building Mike Cable, City attorney, is working on the purchase agreement between VFW and the city. The purchase will be final in December. The council discussed naming the building and agreed to the Ivanhoe Event Center.
5. Water Sewer Rates will be further discussed in December and finalized in January 2026 with updating the fee schedule.
6. Sheriff contract- was in the council packet. The council reviewed and had discussions on the contract. The council would like to decrease contract hours to 15 hours a week. They feel the sheriff's department has been successful for the city over the last 2 years and want to continue the contract but decrease the hours to help with budgeting costs.
7. Public Works hours of work. Previously, the council approved the hours of work for Public Works to be 8am-4:30pm at the October 13th City Council Meeting.

Adam Panka made a motion for the public works hours to be 7:30am-4pm Monday through Friday year-round. Kyle Krier seconded the motion. Yah- Panka, Krier, Lipinski, Blanchette, Nay- Sullivan.

8. Foreclosure on property –Mike Cable, City Attorney is going to confirm with county regarding delinquent taxes, as well as send notice to Sarah Fisher regarding the default and foreclosure notice.

Discussion Items:

South Alley- The land survey is complete. Mike Cable, City Attorney shared that there is no man's land as part of the alley. He is requesting to negotiate the alley ownership and to split the cost with Marty Sterzinger to stake the property.

Action Items

1. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-52 Resolution Accepting Donation to the Ivanhoe Community Center from TOPS Ivanhoe in the amount of \$50.00 for heating costs.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Michelle Sullivan, to accept the \$50.00 donation to the Ivanhoe Community Center from TOPS Ivanhoe. The motion was unanimously carried out.

2. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-53 Resolution Accepting Donation to the Ivanhoe Fire Department from Ivanhoe Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$24,000 for extrication equipment.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Michelle Sullivan, to accept the \$24,000.00 donation to the Ivanhoe Fire Department from Ivanhoe Fire Relief Association for extrication equipment. The motion was unanimously carried out.

3. Consider Approval of Nielsen Lanes for a liquor license for 2026.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Michelle Sullivan, to approve 2026 Liquor License for Nielsen Lanes. The motion was unanimously carried out.

4. Consider Approval to consider awarding A & C Excavating LLC of Marshall MN bid for the T.H. 19 Storm Drain Repair in the amount of \$28,810.

No action taken on the Storm Drain Repair; the council would like the amount that MN DOT will be contributing to the project.

5. Consider approval of Bueltel to install irons along S Alley

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Brad Blanchette, to authorize City Attorney Mike Cable to negotiate the south alley property, and to split the cost with Marty Sterzinger to peg the property. The motion was unanimously carried out.

6. Consider approval of Sheriff Contract- No Action taken

Mayor's Report: None

Announcements

12/3/25 EDA Meeting 7:30 am

12/8/25 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm, 6:30pm Truth in Taxation

Adjourn

A motion was made by Brad Blanchette, seconded by Adam Panka, and unanimously carried out to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

Dated at Ivanhoe, Minnesota, this 24th day of November 2025

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF IVANHOE, MINNESOTA

BY _____

ATTEST: _____

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator

City of Ivanhoe

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The resolution offered by: Adam Panka

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